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Applicant: George N. VALKANAS et al. Conf.: 79-  
Appl. No.: 09/205,237 Group: 1724  
Filed: December 4, 1998 Examiner: I. CINTINS  
For: METHOD AND PRODUCTS TO ABSORB OIL AND ORGANIC  
SOLVENTS FROM WATER AND FROM SEA

SMALL ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM  
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Washington, DC 20231

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
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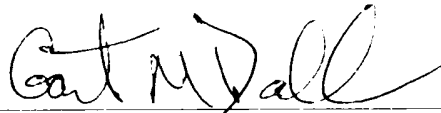
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- ☒ Petition for the extension of time provided for by C.F.R. §§ 1.117 and 1.118 is \$1.17 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$1.17 is/are enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2446 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Washington, D.C. 20231

October 22, 2001  
(Monday)

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 20, 2001, the period for responding having been extended one month to October 20, 2001 (a Saturday), the following amendments and remarks are made in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

28. The ~~product~~ according to claim 27, wherein the polymer is polystyrene, SBS, or elastomer SBR.

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